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ST. LOUIS MAN SENTENCED FOR THREATENING FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on September 29, 2006, **MARIO GRIMES**, age 22, St. Louis, Missouri, was sentenced in the United States District Court in East St. Louis for seven counts of threatening to murder and/or assault federal correctional officers and one count of assaulting a federal officer. **GRIMES** pled guilty to the seven counts of threatening to murder and assault federal correctional officers on March 25, 2006. A jury convicted **GRIMES** of the one count of assaulting a federal officer, while acquitting him on another charge of assaulting a federal officer, on June 27, 2006. **GRIMES** received 72 months of imprisonment on each count, to run concurrently, three (3) years of supervised release on each count, to run concurrently, fined \$1250, and ordered to pay an \$800 special assessment.

The violations occurred from March 2005 until November 2005, while **GRIMES** was an inmate at the Federal Correctional Institute at Greenville, Illinois.

The investigation was conducted by the Special Investigative Section of the Bureau of Prisons and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Angela Scott.